

## Letter from Ira Allen and George F. Bigelow to Alexander Graham Bell, November 1, 1871, with transcript

duplicate Copied from a collection of Biographical Material in "Dr. Bell's Room." Copy of a commendation of the System of "Visible Speech", and on the success of ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL in teaching the deaf, signed by the members of the Board of Education of the city of Boston, who formed the "Committee" in charge of the school for the deaf. Boston, Massachusetts. November 1, 1871. A. Graham Bell, Esq. Dear Sir:

The system of Visible Speech invented by your father and so successfully introduced by you into the Boston School for Deaf-Mutes, has given the teachers as instrument of incalculable value in teaching deaf-mutes, (congenital as well as others) to articulate clearly and correctly. It has been heartily adopted as the system of the school, and the surprising results exhibited by the pupils at the close of your brief course of instruction are increasingly apparent every day.

Trusting you may be as successful in your future labors as in those we have witnessed we remain,

Very cordially your friends, Ira Allen. Chairman. Geo. F. Bigelow.